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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 182576 ACTION ALL NATO CAPITALS  
BERN DUBLIN EC BRUSSELS GENEVA HELSINKI MADRID MOSCOW  
NICOSIA NATO STOCKHOLM USUN NEW YORK VIENNA 20 AUGUST.

QUOTE

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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - CYPRUS

FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT EXCERPTS OF PRESS BRIEFING BY  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT ANDERSON ON CYPRUS SITUATION  
AUGUST 20:

QUOTE: MR. ANDERSON: ...I MIGHT MENTION THAT (THE SEC-  
RETARY) PLANS TO BE AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE WHEN THE  
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AIR FORCE PLANE BRINGING THE REMAINS  
OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES AND AMBASSADOR DAVIES' CHILDREN  
ARRIVES (MORNING AUGUST 21).

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF PLANESIDE CEREMONY: THE NATIONAL  
ANTHEM, 19 GUN SALUTE, A PRAYER OFFERED BY FATHER JOHN C.  
RIVERS, WHO IS THE RECTOR OF ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH IN WASHINGTON. AND THIS, INCIDENTALLY, WAS A  
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CHURCH WHERE AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS VERY ACTIVE. THERE

WILL THEN BE A BRIEF FAMILY RECEPTION IN THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS LOUNGE. AND FOLLOWING THAT THE PLANE WILL CONTINUE ON WITH THE REMAINS TO CALIFORNIA AND WILL EITHER GO TO ALAMEDA AIR FORCE BASE OR HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN YET.

NOW, WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS, THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO READ ONE BRIEF STATEMENT HERE:

THE SECRETARY HAS AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL CASH GRANT OF \$500,000 TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO MEET URGENT NEEDS THAT THAT GROUP IS IN THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING ON THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO A PREVIOUS GRANT OF \$225,000 THAT WAS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS TO THE ICRC.

IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE AVAILABLE FROM ITS A.I.D. REGIONAL DISASTER STOCKPILE IN LEGHORN, ITALY OVER \$600,000 WORTH OF TENTS, BLANKETS, WATER CONTAINERS, AND OTHER MATERIAL WHICH HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY THE RED CROSS.

THE SECRETARY ALSO INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR BROWN, WHO IS PROCEEDING TO CYPRUS AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, TO ASSESS CURRENT NEEDS URGENTLY WITH THE AID OF A DISASTER RELIEF EXPERT FROM A.I.D. AND REPORT URGENTLY ON THESE NEEDS.

THE SECRETARY ALSO WELCOMED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S DECISION TO ASK THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO USE HIS BEST EFFORTS TO ACTIVELY PURSUE A HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS CONTACTING REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO MEET WHAT WE ARE CERTAIN WILL BE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD, SHELTER, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

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Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER WORD ON THE BRITISH-AMERICAN CALL TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA? CAN YOU BRING US UP TO DATE AS TO WHETHER ANY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT?

A: I CANNOT TAKE YOU MUCH FURTHER THAN THE SECRETARY DID YESTERDAY. JUST LET ME SAY THIS, THAT SINCE THE SECRETARY MET WITH YOU YESTERDAY HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH

WITH ALL THE PARTIES, AND HE FEELS THAT AT THIS STAGE HE DOES NOT WANT TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE BRITISH INITIATIVE. HE FEELS THAT, AS HE SAID BEFORE, SOME QUIET DIPLOMACY HERE AND AS ACTIVE AS WE CAN PURSUE IT, WE'LL JUST CONTINUE WITH IT.

Q: THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE REFERRED TO IT AS THE BRITISH-AMERICAN INITIATIVE. ARE YOU SAYING IT'S A BRITISH INITIATIVE?

A: WELL, I BELIEVE THE SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY THAT THIS WAS A BRITISH INITIATIVE AND THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THIS BRITISH INITIATIVE, AS I RECALL.

Q: HAS THE DEPARTMENT BEEN LOOKING INTO THE CHRONOLOGY OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES' DEATH? THE REASON I ASK IS THAT SOME CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS SAY THAT THE FIRING WAS INITIATED BY THE U.S. MARINE GUARDS INSIDE THE EMBASSY.

A: WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE DETAILS. BUT LET ME GIVE YOU THE PICTURE AS I HAVE IT IN MY HEAD FROM READING COMMUNICATIONS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED.

THERE IS NO QUESTION OF U.S. MARINES HAVING FIRED ANY SHOTS AS FAR AS THE INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO ME IS CONCERNED. THEY DID USE TEAR GAS GRENADES TO PREVENT ENTRY INTO THE EMBASSY.

AND ON THIS POINT, IN VIEW OF A COUPLE OF PRESS REPORTS THAT CAME IN YESTERDAY, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR, THAT AT NO TIME WAS THE EMBASSY BUILDING ENTERED.

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AT ABOUT TEN O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING THERE WAS A STAFF MEETING IN THE EMBASSY AND REPORTS WERE RECEIVED THAT A DEMONSTRATION WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY. THE EMBASSY HAD ITS SECURITY PLAN. IT'S ALL DONE IN ADVANCE. WE DO THIS IN MOST EMBASSIES IN THE WORLD, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE CYPRIOT POLICE, WHO CAME IMMEDIATELY. THE SIZE OF THE DEMONSTRATION WAS SUCH THAT THE LOCAL POLICE COULD NOT CONTROL IT. THE EMBASSY REQUESTED AND RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD. AND AS I RECALL IT, AN INFANTRY COMPANY CAME.

THIS COMPANY COULD NOT ARRIVE THERE IN TIME TO PREVENT THE TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED, BUT THEY, I WOULD SAY, GOT THERE AS QUICKLY AS THEY POSSIBLY COULD AFTER THEY WERE NOT-

IFIED. THERE IS NO INTENTION HERE WHATSOEVER TO CAST ANY ASPERSIONS ON THE EFFORTS OF THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD. AND WHEN THEY DID COME THEY WERE ABLE TO DISPERSE THE CROWD VERY RAPIDLY.

AS FOR THE SHOOTING OF OUR AMBASSADOR -- AND HERE AGAIN I'M ONLY GIVING YOU WHAT I CAN ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED -- IT LOOKS AS IF THE SHOT THAT KILLED THE AMBASSADOR CAME FROM A BUILDING THAT WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION SOME DISTANCE FROM THE EMBASSY -- I'VE SEEN REPORTS OF 150 FEET; I'VE SEEN 100 YARDS; I DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY

HOW FAR AWAY IT WAS -- AND THAT THE BULLET CAME THROUGH A WINDOW LEADING DOWN A HALLWAY WHERE THE AMBASSADOR AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WERE STAYING.

AND THERE WAS PAPER OVER THIS WINDOW BECAUSE OF BLACKOUT PROCEDURES THAT HAD BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT, SO WHOEVER SHOT DID NOT SEE WHAT HE WAS SHOOTING AT.

THAT IS ABOUT ALL I CAN GIVE YOU AT THIS MOMENT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT I HAVE BEEN READING.

Q: SOME OF THE TELEVISION FILM THAT I SUSPECT MOST OF US SAW LAST NIGHT SHOWED MEN IN THE UNIFORM OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD FIRING AT THE EMBASSY. DO YOU UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THAT?

A: I DON'T, I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE ARREST OF THREE PEOPLE, OR THE SEARCH FOR THREE PEOPLE?

A: NO, I DON'T. I SAW THE SAME REPORTS THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT CLERIDES IS VERY ACTIVE PERSONALLY IN THE INVESTIGATION, BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU ON IT.

Q: DO YOU THINK THIS WAS A SPECIFIC ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE THE AMBASSADOR IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SO MANY OF THE SHOTS WERE DIRECTED AT THE SECOND FLOOR WINDOW?

A: I CAN'T MAKE A JUDGMENT, I REALLY CAN'T, ON THAT. WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE FACTS, AND THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION GOING ON NOW BY THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S UP TO US TO COMMENT ON THIS AND MAKE ANY KIND OF JUDGMENT.

Q: I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ARMS CUTOFF. WE ALL KNOW WHAT SCHLESINGER SAID ON SUNDAY, AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT DR. KISSINGER SAID HERE YESTERDAY, AND YET PENTAGON OFFICIALS ARE NOW SAYING -- I DON'T REMEMBER THE EXACT QUOTE -- "I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD 'CUTOFF' MEANS TO DR. KISSINGER, BUT, IN FACT, EVERYTHING IS STOPPED BOTH TO GREECE AND TURKEY." AND HE CITED NUMBERS OF AIR-PLANES THAT WERE TO GO AND ARE NOT NOW GOING AND OTHER PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. CAN YOU SORT OF SORT THIS OUT?

A: NO, I CAN'T. I CAN'T SORT IT OUT. I SAW A REPORT IN THE BALTIMORE SUN THIS MORNING ABOUT TWO F-4'S THAT EVIDENTLY WERE STOPPED IN SHIPMENT. I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON IT.

Q: ON THE GREEK THING AGAIN, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS FROM ATHENS THAT U.S. AIR FORCE PLANES ON THE BASES THERE HAVE BEEN UNDER RESTRICTIONS WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TO SEEK CLEARANCE  
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SEVERAL HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE LEAVING, OR FOR ANY U.S. PLANES TO COME IN. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT OR COMMENT ON IT?

A: LET ME LOOK INTO THAT. MY GUESS IS THAT DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD THAT PROBABLY WAS THE CASE, BUT I JUST HAVEN'T CHECKED IT. UNQUOTE KISSINGER UNQUOTE  
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